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Description

These two letters are by Thomas A. Edison, Jr. (1876-1935), the eldest son from Edison's first marriage. A letter from 1897 to his step-aunt Mary E. Miller concerns his romantic interests, while a letter from 1910 to his step-grandmother Mary Valinda Miller discusses his health and marriage and conveys news of other family members.

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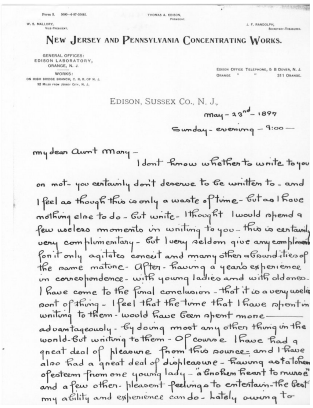
NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA CONCENTRATING WORKS.

EDISON, SUSSEX CO., N. J.,

May - 23rd - 1897

Sunday - evening - 9:00 —

my dear Aunt Mary -

I dont know whether to write to you

or not - you certainly dont deserve to be written to - and

I feel as though this is only a waste of time - but as I have

nothing else to do - but write - I thought I would spend a

few useless moments in writing to you - this is certainly

very commonplace - but I very seldom give any confidences

for it only agitates concert and many others would like of

the same nature - After - having a years experience

in correspondence - with young ladies and with old ones -

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sort of thing - I feel that the time that I have spent in

writing to them - would have been spent more ——

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great deal of pleasure from this source - and I have

also had a great deal of displeasure - having obtained

confidences from one young lady - a fondness I want to misuse

and a few others - pleasant feelings to entertain - the best

my ability and experience can do - lately owing to

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Miller, Mary Emily

Mentioned

- Brush, May
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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1897-05-23

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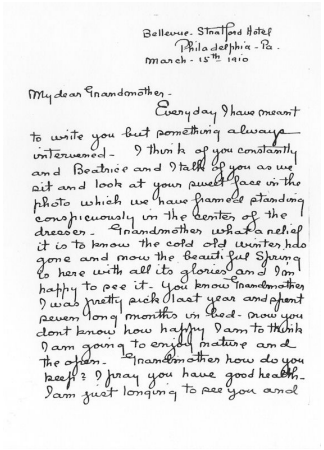
my resolutions - to cease writing to them - "not altogether - but not so often as I did -" outside of the hostess of "Glenmont" and just at present your honorable self - I have paid very little attention to any one else - in this absurd direction - The result is my "Broken heart" is gradually coming back by pieces - the last piece - I hope - will soon be seen - strolling along the cruel path - of "fate" - it may never reach - me - on the rest of my heart but it will have for its body guard - "my royal troop of resolutions - commanded - by Determination" - To one who knows and understands a girl - perfectly - and - thoroughly - a girl - I said - not a women - I will willingly kneel at his feet - and pay him the highest tribute in my power - a tribute I would <u>only</u> pay to God - Hoping I have not caused your thoughts to wonder further then the pillow of rest - I will close these words - as I have no more time to waste - Write me soon

yours confidentially

Tom Edison Jr



Bellevue-Stratford Hotel
Philadelphia - Pa.
March - 15th 1910

My dear Grandmother -

Every day I have meant to write you but something always intervened - I think of you constantly and Beatrice and I talk of you as we sit and look at your sweet face in the photo which we have framed & standing conspicuously in the center of the dresser - Grandmother what a relief it is to know the cold old winter has gone and now the beautiful Spring is here with all its glories and I am happy to see it - You know Grandmother I was pretty sick last year and spent seven long months in bed - now you dont know how happy I am to think I am going to enjoy nature and the open - Grandmother how do you keep? I pray you have good health - I am just longing to see you and

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Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)

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looking well and young -
I hope you give me a thought sometime
Grandmother for it is so good to become of the
family - straight ahead are never happy - that's
why I want to be one of the fold - I will
write again real soon - it the meantime I will
keep on loving you and praying to have you
spared for many years to come -
All my love and kisses - believe me always

Your affectionate Grandson
Tom -

Beatrice sends her love
and many kisses -

I must plan a little trip to Akron
in the early summer - I received
a nice long letter from mother and
you dont know how much strength
it gives me to say nothing of the
happiness - She tells me Aunt Mary
is with them - and how well Aunt
mary is getting under her careful
eye - Mother was always so
loyal to us all - that is why we
gain under her care -
Philadelphia is quite upset at
present as the strike has been
pretty serious and has tied things
up pretty tight - I think however
the worst is over as the strikers
are commencing to show idleness
as food is pretty high and all
has been a loss to them -
Keep cheerful Grandmother as
we all love you dearly even little
Beatrice - and someday we will
drop in at Oak Place - and there we
will find you brimful of smiles